

SUPT. COLLINS, HEAD OF PRISONS, RESIGNS OFFICE

Roosevelt's Friend Suddenly
Quits While State Investi-
gation Is Under Way.

SAID HE WOULD STICK.

Had Refused to Get Out When
Gov. Dix Called for His
Resignation Last January.

ALBANY, April 26.—Cornelius V. Collins of Troy, State Superintendent of Prisons for thirteen years, has resigned. His resignation, which reached Gov. Dix today, takes effect immediately.

Supt. Collins was appointed March 8, 1900, by Gov. Black to succeed Austin Lathrop of Corning and was served under Govs. Black, Roosevelt, Odell, Higgins, Hughes, White and Dix. His last resignation was by Gov. Hughes and his term would have expired in 1913. The position pays \$6,000 per annum and the term is five years.

Collins had supervision over the four State prisons, Sing Sing, Auburn, Clinton and Great Meadows, and of the Matteawan and Dannemora State Hospitals for the Criminal Insane. He was a member of the State Parole Board and was Chairman of the Commission on New Prisons appointed by Gov. Hughes to select the site for the new prison to take the place of Sing Sing.

Was Asked to Get Out.
Soon after Gov. Dix assumed office in January he requested Supt. Collins to resign, but the Superintendent refused. On Jan. 20 the Governor announced that he had appointed William Church Osborn his legal adviser and George E. Van Kenna of Ogdensburg to investigate the management and affairs of the State Commission in Lunacy, the state prisons and reformatories and the Excise and Highway Departments.

The Prison Department was the first to be investigated, expert accountants from the State Comptroller's office having been put on the books in the various prisons early in February.

On April 13 Commissioners Osborn and Van Kenna gave a public hearing at Sing Sing Prison and the following week the investigation was continued at Clinton Prison by Mr. Van Kenna.

The Commissioners plan to visit Auburn Prison in the near future. As a result of the investigations at Sing Sing and Clinton Prisons, alleged irregularities in the purchase of supplies were developed, but no charges had been preferred against Supt. Collins.

In his letter to the Governor, the Superintendent gave no reason for his resignation, but it is understood a business opportunity was presented which, if accepted, made it imperative for him to sever his connection with the department at once. He was not in Albany to-day.

Mr. Collins is a member of the Republican State Committee and political leader of Rensselaer County. He took an active part in the campaign last fall and was Theodore Roosevelt's "right hand man" at the Republican State Convention at Saratoga when Col. Roosevelt wanted the temporary chairmanship from Vice-President Sherman, the candidate of the "Old Guard" forced, led by William Barnes Jr., now Chairman of the State Republican Committee.

After Collins's Job.
The general impression prevails that Collins resigned under fire and that investigation would have resulted in charges to bring about his removal being presented to the Senate.

Before leaving for New York at noon to-day Gov. Dix made public Superintendent Collins's letter, which says: "I hereby resign the office of Superintendent of Prisons to take effect at once." The Governor had no comment to make at this time regarding the resignation, which took effect upon its receipt.

Commissioner Van Kenna said that the resignation would have no effect on the investigation of the department now under way, which would be continued "without change."

Three candidates for the vacancy have been mentioned: Thomas Mott Osborne of Auburn, State, Fish and Game

HEAD OF PRISONS WHO RESIGNS OFFICE WHILE UNDER FIRE.



C. V. COLLINS

Commissioner: Daniel E. Conway, former Mayor of Troy, and Col. Joseph F. Scott, Superintendent of State Reformatory at Elmira and Napanoch.

WALL STREET.

Decided improvements were manifested in the stock market during the afternoon. Led by Steel, stocks began an upward movement at midday that culminated at highest prices of the day at the close. Gains were from 1 to 2 points with about everything traded in displaying some amount of gain.

A pronounced buying demand for bonds was a noteworthy factor in giving impetus to the demand for stocks that was in progress throughout the day.

The Quotations.

Today's highest, lowest and last prices of stocks and of not changes as compared with yesterday's final figures are as follows:

Stock	High	Low	Last
Am. Copper	67 1/2	67	67 1/2
Am. Gas & E.	115	114	115
Am. Oil	85	84	85
Am. Sugar	110 1/2	110	110 1/2
Am. T. & C.	145 1/2	145	145 1/2
Am. Wool	110 1/2	110	110 1/2
At. & T. & P.	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Atlantic Coast	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Chas. & S. P.	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Cons. Gas	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Gen. Elec.	220 1/2	220	220 1/2
Ill. Steel	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Harb.	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Merc.	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Nav.	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Paper	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Tel.	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Trans.	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Water	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Wire	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Zinc	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Iron	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Steel	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Coal	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Oil	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Sugar	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Wool	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Cotton	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Rice	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Wheat	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Corn	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Soybean	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Lard	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Tallow	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Hides	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Leather	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Rubber	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Glass	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Pottery	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Textiles	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Paper	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Printing	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Bookbinding	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Stationery	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Office Supplies	122 1/2	122	122 1/2
Int. Miscellaneous	122 1/2	122	122 1/2

THEY CARRIED A JIMMY.

Pair Lottering in Harlem Highway
Locked Up on Suspicion.

Policeman Carr of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station saw two men lottering near a highway in Eighth avenue, near One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, early this morning, and when he approached they started to run. Carr ordered them to halt, and when he came up with them saw one attempting to conceal a burglar's Jimmy under his coat.

At the police station the men gave their names as Enrico Esposito of No. 212 East One Hundred and Twelfth street and John Antonio of No. 411 East One Hundred and Sixth street.

MAN DIES HANGING BY ONE FOOT FROM HIGH FIRE-ESCAPE

Dives From Fourth Story Win-
dow, Dangles Head Down,
While Family Searches.

NOT A CRY FROM HIM.

Stone Cutter Had Run in
Slumber From Monstrous
Nightmare Phantoms.

While the members of half a dozen families in the flat house at No. 30 West Forty-third street searched for George McWilliams, who vanished from his apartment on the top floor shortly after 2 o'clock to-day without making a sound, the man was suspended by one foot from a projecting rod of the fourth floor rear fire escape. He dangled, utterly helpless, in this fashion until the draining of blood from his heart caused death.

McWilliams undoubtedly leaped from the window of his home while suffering from a waking nightmare. He had been a nervous invalid for ten weeks and on several occasions had wandered into the hallway and down the stairs of the four-story flat house, seeking, he said afterward, to escape from one of the monstrous phantoms that peopled his dreams.

The plight of the somnambulist was not discovered until Mr. Herbert Ellisworth, who lives on the third floor, happened to glance out her rear window. Then she saw a white figure swinging in mid-air.

Wife Had Just Left Him.
The sleep walker was a stone cutter, fifty years old. His wife had been nursing him since his nerves suffered a collapse and he was able to sleep only in fits and starts.

He had been at his bedside last night until within half an hour of the time he walked over the fire escape and turned the air in such a way that his foot caught on a projecting rod and became wedged under one of the stanchions of the fire escape. Their only child, Herbert McWilliams, a youth of twenty, slept in a nearby room.

Returning, Mrs. McWilliams found the bed empty. She went to the window of the rear room, which is used as a parlor, and looked out. She saw nothing and heard no sound. Rousing her son, she went into the hall, calling for her husband. Neighbors were aroused and joined in the search. The entire building was explored, even the cellar.

As the searches were going out into the rear yard, Mrs. Ellisworth discovered the pendant white figure and screamed. Several men lifted the body by the aid of ropes. It was not thought the man was dead and an ambulance was called from Flower Hospital.

Struggled in Vain.
Surgeon Crooks said that the stone cutter had probably been dead only a

few minutes or two when his plight was discovered. Had he not been weakened by illness, he could undoubtedly have pulled himself up so as to catch hold of one of the iron supports of the fire escape. He had probably struggled in vain to do this while the house was being searched for him.

The widow said to-day that her husband had walked in his sleep ever since he was stricken with the nervous malady that made him an invalid. He complained of nightmares that turned him cold and made his heart stop beating. Invariably, he said, some hideous monster, armed with weird weapons, was pursuing him and it was only on such occasions that he got out of bed and walked in his sleep. Several times he ran in his sleep, descending three flights of stairs and finally stumbling and falling, which awakened him.

Mrs. McWilliams said she felt sure that it was under such circumstances that her husband plunged over the fire escape early to-day, awaking to find himself dangling above a sheer drop of fifty feet. In such a position, with the blood spurting into his throat, it was impossible for him to utter a cry.

"PINOCCHLE" DEACON TELDS
GAME IN CHURCH ROW.

Hackensack Pastor Tells Roscoe
Congregation's Vote for Dis-
missal Is Void.

(Special to The Evening World).
HACKENSACK, April 26.—James Vroom Roscoe, the "Pinocchio" Deacon of the North Hackensack Reformed Church, was in a triumphant mood to-day when the pastor called upon him and admitted that the recent action of the congregation in voting him out of office was null and void.

Mr. Roscoe last week tendered his resignation as a deacon, after the action of the congregation, but, claiming there was nothing from which Mr. Roscoe could resign, Pastor Duray refused to accept it.

Mr. Roscoe now has the resignation in his pocket, and to-day claimed he will keep it until he gets good and ready to tender it. This deacon was asked to resign last fall, after confessing he played pinocchio for money, but he has refused to do so.

YOUNG WIFE DRINKS POISON.
Husband Arrives Home Just in
Time to See Suicide Attempt.

Mrs. Allen Pribit took her three-year-old daughter to a kindergarten this morning, telephoned to her husband, business, then bought a solution of carbolic acid in a drug store. When Joseph reached his flat at No. 8 St. Mark's place, he was just in time to see his wife swallow the poison from a cup.

The solution was not strong, and Mrs. Pribit may recover. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Pribit told the police he and his wife have been quarreling for a month because she insisted on making money for herself by doing embroidery work instead of taking care of her home.

Declines to Be Police Magistrate.
Assistant District Attorney Peter E. Smith of Kings County has declined an appointment to the Brooklyn magistracy bench. The mayor, while on the Supreme Court bench, was impressed with the manner in which Mr. Smith presented his cases, and remembered him when it came to making up the list of nominees for the police court bench vacancies, which occur May 1.

Mr. Smith desires, he says, to continue his work in the District Attorney's office.

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